

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

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Applicant requests that this amendment submitted under 37 CFR § 1.114 along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) be entered and the examination of the application be continued.

Claims 9-12 are the claims currently pending in the present Application, all of which are independent. Claims 9-12 are amended. Claims 7 and 8 are canceled herein; claims 1-6 have previously been canceled canceled. In particular, the independent claims are amended to recite at least one outside system interface providing product design information management, computer aided design, testing, or manufacturing, and machine automation. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification on page 10, line 27 to page 11, line 20. Care has been taken to ensure no new matter is being entered.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 7-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Wilson et al., U.S. Patent Applicant Publication No. 2002/0133387 (hereinafter "Wilson"). This rejection should be withdrawn based on the comments and remarks herein.

The independent claims are amended herein to recite the additional feature of at least one outside system interface providing results information, each outside system interface being selected from product design information management, computer aided design, computer aided testing, computer aided manufacturing and automated machinery. By contrast, Wilson teaches a

warehouse system that interfaces with his promise engine. Wilson discloses that each warehouse includes a warehouse management system that enables the reception, fulfillment and acknowledgement of orders, and the update of one or more databases associated with the warehouse. Wilson does not teach or suggest interfacing with outside systems that perform product design information management or computer aided design, manufacturing or testing, or machine automation. Hence, Wilson does not teach or suggest each feature of the independent claims of the present invention, so that these claims are not anticipated by Wilson.

Claims 7 and 8 are canceled, rendering their rejections moot. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For at least the reasons set forth in the foregoing discussion, Applicant believes that the Application is now allowable, and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and allow the Application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, or regarding the Application generally, she is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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